

# The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

## In the news

### 80th FTW to host CAF Day

The 80th Flying Training Wing is hosting the 2nd Annual Combat Air Force Day today.

Sheppard personnel, military and civilian, are invited to visit the 80th FTW and view some of the aircraft Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training students will have the opportunity to fly after graduation.

The airfield will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

### Theatrical production to be held Wednesday

The compelling "dramedy" of life and love during times of war "Letter from the Front" will be at Sheppard Wednesday.

The Broadway-style production is about a mother who has sent her son to fight in the Persian Gulf War in 1991. She has also been asked to write a play about the American spirit.

"Letters from the Front" will be presented in the base theater. The show will begin at 7 p.m.

The production is not recommended for children 12 years old and younger.

For more information about the show, visit [www.letters-from-the-front.com](http://www.letters-from-the-front.com).

### C & W singer to hold autograph session

Country & Western singer Mr. Blake Shelton will be at Sheppard Saturday for an autograph session.

Mr. Shelton, who is opening for Toby Keith this weekend, will be at the base exchange from 1 to 3 p.m.

# Talon crashes on takeoff



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

The remains of a T-38 Talon sit on the west runway Tuesday following a crash following takeoff at about 11 a.m. The pilots, both in the U.S. Air Force, ejected safely to the ground. The cause of the mishap is unknown at this time. The accident is the second in as many years involving Sheppard aircraft.

## Pilots eject safely before plane hits the ground

By Mr. John Ingle

Base public communication

Two Sheppard pilots safely ejected Tuesday morning from a T-38 just before it crashed to the ground following an undetermined cause.

Col. H.D. Pumbo, commander of the 80th Flying Training Wing, said during a press conference Tuesday that the T-38 was on "take off roll" when it experienced some sort of mechanical problem.

When the plane appeared to be heading for the ground, Colonel Pumbo said the pilots – an instructor and a student – ejected.

"The two crew members ejected safely out of the plane," the colonel said.

Both pilots are members of the U.S. Air Force.

Details of what exactly caused the aircraft malfunction aren't known at this time.

"Right now, the only information I have is they were on take off roll at the time of the problem," the colonel said.

Colonel Pumbo applauded the response and efforts of emergency, security and safety personnel during and after the incident. He said the response was another example of the relationship between the 80th FTW and 82nd Training Wing.

An interim investigation board has been pieced together, Colonel Pumbo said, to begin preliminary investigation into the incident.

"After two or three days, AETC will put together a permanent board," he said.

The pilots weren't injured as a result of the ejection, but they were sent to the flight surgeon's office for a mandatory physical, Colonel Pumbo said.

Training flights for the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program were grounded temporarily. Colonel Pumbo

said, however, the airfield was not shut down completely.

"We are going to let American Eagle land here," he said, adding it was important for the commercial flights to continue. "Any other movements will be controlled by me."

Colonel Pumbo said he would release more information as it becomes available.

The T-38 crash Tuesday was the second incident involving a Sheppard aircraft in the last two years.

Two T-37s collided over Comanche, Okla., Dec. 21, 2002, during a training mission. The pilots in one aircraft ejected safely while the other aircraft successfully completed an emergency landing at Sheppard.

The last T-38 incident occurred Aug. 24, 2001, when two Talons collided near Crowell, Texas, in Foard County west of Wichita Falls. An Italian pilot was killed in the incident.



Team Sheppard Training 2003



82nd Training Wing: 63,892 students trained to replenish America's combat capability  
80th Flying Training Wing: 154 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

**Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, congratulates Lt. Col. Douglas Halsell, 82nd Communications Squadron commander, for winning the Commanders' Smokehouse Competition, part of fire prevention week, Oct. 7.**

## Action Line 6-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have.

I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 6-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number.

Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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### Unmarked fire lane

**Q**uestion: I am inquiring about the street area between the old Burger King and the commissary entrance, in front of the small shops. I was ticketed for parking in this area Sunday. I was told by the patrolman that it was a fire lane. I asked the patrolman where the traffic sign to indicate it was a fire lane was, and I was told there isn't one. I then asked why the curb was not red to indicate it was a fire lane, and I was told to take it up with the base traffic office.

So my question is, why are the security forces issuing tickets for parking in an "unmarked" fire lane?

**A**nswer: While the explanation of a "fire lane" was not the best description for that area in front of the shops, it is indeed illegal to park there.

The security forces personnel were correct in their description of authorized parking slots. The base traffic code dictates that vehicles cannot park in areas outside specifically designated slots, and a lack of 'no parking' or yellow/red curbing does not indicate that vehicles can be parked there. Personnel can park in base housing areas along the curb legally, as spelled out in the base traffic code. All drivers on Sheppard should review Sheppard Supplement 1 to AFI 31-204 to ensure they are familiar with

the nuances of driving and parking on our installation.

The AETC Guide to Installation Excellence, which is used as a guideline for the exterior appearance of the base, states, "Do not paint curbs, loading areas, culvert heads or other concrete structures at grade level." The guide also states, "The number of signs on each installation shall be held to the absolute minimum required for directions, identification, and customer service." Both of these requirements help reduce the visual clutter on base and drastically reduce maintenance time and dollars.

Security forces will run educational articles in the *Sheppard Senator*, as well as advertisements on TSTV to ensure new drivers at Sheppard are well-versed in the base traffic code.

### Pet control

**Q**uestion: I live in Wherry Housing. I have read the housing guide concerning pet control because we have a dog, and we are considerate of our neighbors. However, I have neighbors who never have their dogs restrained by a leash, and they never clean up their dog's waste. I have notified the housing office and inspectors have left notes on the doors, but the owners still don't clean up after their pets. With the hot weather we've been having, the smell

from the dog waste is very unpleasant.

When we've mentioned to the neighbors that it is a rule to have dogs on a leash, they get rude and nasty. We've called security forces but, by the time they arrive, the people have already gone into their houses, so nothing gets done.

Also, I was under the impression that our name was kept confidential when complaints are called in to security forces. I would like to know how these people find out my name when I call in a complaint.

If the housing guide and the security forces regulation, SAFBI 31-201, is not in effect, please let me know.

**A**nswer: The housing guide is still in effect, and animal waste must be picked up daily. Please continue to notify the housing office when your neighbors don't clean up after their pets. We will notify the appropriate first sergeant when it becomes necessary to enforce this rule.

You are correct that pets must be leashed and under constant observation unless in an enclosed fenced area. You also pointed out a confusing point in the instruction that has since been clarified: pets cannot be left unattended while restrained only by a fixed chain, leash, or rope.

I can assure you security forces does not advertise complainants' names when they

call for assistance. In this type of incident, the responding patrolmen generally do not ever know the name of the complainant.

### Cellular phone use

**Q**uestion: According to AFI 36-2903, you are not authorized to use a cell phone unless your duties require it. I keep correcting numerous permanent party members, as well as students, about this policy. Has the policy changed?

**A**nswer: I'm glad you brought this question to light, as it is a frequently asked question and highlights a common problem across the base. More people than ever have cellular telephones and beepers that they have purchased for their personal use. AFI 36-2903 Table 2.6, item 9, states that beepers and cell phones will be clipped to the waistband or purse or carried in the left hand (when in uniform) but are prohibited unless required to perform duties.

The interpretation by higher headquarters is that beepers and cell phones are not required to perform your duties unless the USAF issues you one to perform your duties, so you may not carry or use them in uniform unless they are issued to you by your unit.

Thanks again for bringing this to our attention.



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Mr. Richard Brown, a Sheppard firefighter, helps Col. Kim Siniscalchi, 882nd Training Group commander, gear up for the smokehouse competition Oct. 7.



Smokey the Dalmatian waves at children during the Fire Prevention Parade.

# Fire Prevention Week

Photos by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

Several Sheppard airmen took part in fire prevention week Oct. 6 through Saturday.

There was a commanders' smokehouse competition Oct. 7, in which Sheppard commanders competed by rescuing a dummy out of a smoke-filled house.

Lt. Col. Douglas Halsell,

82nd Communications Squadron commander won the event.

There was a Fire Prevention Parade Saturday, and a SFD open house afterward. Team Sheppard members got a chance to get an inside look at what firemen do, while learning about fire safety.



Mr. Richard Brown, a Sheppard firefighter, shows Sheppard family members what a fire truck looks like up close.



Mr. Michael Huskisson, a Sheppard firefighter, shows a little girl how to control a fire hose.

# Sheppard squadrons shine in Tech Expo 2003

By Mr. John Ingle

Base public communication

Two banners stood out among the many booths that lined hangar 1090 during Sheppard's Tech Expo 2003 Oct. 9.

The words were simple, but the meaning stood out more than a bright sun in a blue Texas sky – "Second to none" and "Never out done."

Those phrases typified training at Sheppard and the technology used at the Air Force's largest technical training base was on display during the expo.

Several of the base's training groups and squadrons showed how technology has made training easier and more effective, such as the 381st Training Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Jeff Wilcox, an instructor at the 381st, said there are about 60 to 100 students per class in the training squadron with six instructors to teach the lessons. With advancements in animation and interactive software, he said the school would be able to teach students machines such as the Lifepak 12 defibrillator easier.

"It has the exact functions of what the actual machine does," Sergeant Wilcox said of the animated program.

An additional positive to the technology is other Air Force bases would be able to download the tutorial at their home base, he said. This would allow bases that can't send medics on temporary duty



Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig

**Master Sgt. Cheryl Vance, an instructor at the 382nd Training Squadron, shows 1st Lt. Xavier Bruce how the portable ultrasound machine functions during Tech Expo 2003. The "brain" of the ultrasound machine is worn on a vest and an optical view find is placed on the head. A keyboard can be strapped to an arm for typing.**

assignments for refresher courses the opportunity to receive the same training without leaving home.

Another Sheppard product that has received attention in the past is the portable ultrasound at the 382nd Training Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Bronson, an ultra-

sound instructor in the squadron, wore a black multi-pocket vest that housed the "brain" of the ultra-small ultrasound machine. The size of the machine makes it ideal for field conditions.

Images can be taken in geographically isolated locations and sent back to a diagnostic center for review, Sergeant Bron-

son said.

But, the machine can also perform basic functions that traditional computers perform.

"I can do Excel, Word...any program on my computer when I'm not doing an ultrasound," he said.

The next step for the small ultrasound could be voice activated commands.

Ms. Gina Johnson, the 82nd Training Wing Technology Manager, said the Tech Expo seemed to be bigger and better than last year's, partly because of location.

Last year's event was held in the ball room of the community center, more than adequate for most events, but not for several booths and displays of the latest technology.

This year, the expo moved to hangar 1090 and provided a more comfortable atmosphere for people to discuss and exchange technologies.

"There's a lot more room for quality conversation," she said.

Last year's expo showed what types of technology Sheppard was going to purchase, Ms. Johnson said. This expo showed how the training squadrons were using what was purchased.

"A lot of people are coming to see how Sheppard uses technology," she said.

More than 35 vendors, including eight from Sheppard squadrons or groups, attended the expo.

## New force development coming

WASHINGTON – Air Force leaders are launching a spread-the-word tour in November to explain force development, a new system that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

Teams led by major command general officers will visit every base to explain the details of this initiative and to ensure officers understand the concept, policies and procedures.

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements – enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard – will eventually benefit from the force development construct, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said.

"Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future," he said. "It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression."

As the chief of staff's "change agent" for force development, the Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is leading this effort. AFSLMO officials are working with key Air Staff and Air Force Personnel

Center leaders to reassess and transform how the Air Force educates, trains and assigns the total force.

Current and future phases of this transformation will include adjustments to officer academic and professional military education and professional development processes, enlisted professional development and professional military education programs, management of senior enlisted leaders and development of Air Force civilian employees.

According to the AFSLMO director, Brig. Gen. Richard S. Hassan, force-development doctrine consists of three levels: tactical, operational and strategic.

At the tactical level, airmen will continue to concentrate on learning primary skills.

At the operational level, airmen begin developing complementary skills and an understanding of the broader Air Force perspective. They will learn how a wide variety of individual capabilities combine to complete an organization's mission as well as the Air Force's and its joint partners'.

At the strategic level, airmen combine skills and experiences to develop a knowledge base that extends beyond the Air Force into Defense Department, interagency and international arenas.

## Sheppard exchanges tech ideas

By Mr. Mike McKito

Base public communication

The 782nd Training Group recently hosted two academic institutions as part of their "Information Exchange with Industry and Academia" program.

One participant was Mr. Glen Travis, program coordinator for the Avionics Line Maintenance Specialization program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Also participating was Mr. Roger Anderson, assistant director of technical training, and Mr. Rodney Ratcliff, senior vice president of business development, both of Spartan School of Aeronautics.

The primary purpose of the IEIA is

to exchange technical training ideas and "best practices" with our peers in the civilian world.

"I would like to have some interaction with Major (Gregory) Smith and Colonel (Arvil) White," said Mr. Travis, "and, I would like them to come to visit us to show them how we do business."

Besides being a part of the IEIA, Spartan also had a booth in the 2003 Tech Expo that was held the same day.

"We are down here to see what they do at Sheppard," said Mr. Anderson. "In exchange for that, we would like for the Air Force to come to Spartan to see what we do."

After all, the exchange of ideas is what the IEIA program is all about.



**Staff Sergeant Stephen Vega, 365th Training Squadron heavy avionics flight, communications/navigation instructor, demonstrates the capabilities of the B-1B cockpit to Mr. Glen Travis, ERAU, and Mr. Roger Anderson, Spartan School of Aeronautics.**

Photo by Mr. Mike McKito



**Base residents recongized for beautiful yards**

The housing office recently announced the monthly and quarterly winners for maintaining their yards on base.

The winners of the Yards of the Month competition for September were announced recently.

The winner in Capehart on the officer side was Capt. Robert Sharples, 123 Hercules, 82nd Services Division and Master Sgt. Paul Troupe Jr., 307A Talos, 366th Training Squadron, on the enlisted side.

The Bunker Hill winner was Staff Sgt. Chanda Parker, 111 Mars, 366th TRS and the winner in Wherry housing was Tech. Sgt. William Cordero, 1 Hatcher,

363rd TRS.

A new senior officer category was recently added to the competition for lieutenant colonels and above. The winner in the senior officer category was Col. Rebecca A. Russell, 225 Polaris, 82nd Medical Group.

The Yards of the Quarter competition for July through September were announced this week.

The winner in Capehart for officer housing was Capt. Robert Sharples, 123 Hercules, 82nd Mission Support Group and for enlisted housing Senior Master Sgt. Leonard Krombel, 203B Matador, 363rd Training Squadron.

The Bunker Hill winner was

Staff Sgt. John Kiernan, 111 Sky, 361st TRS and the winner in Wherry was Senior Master Sgt. William McGovern, 79 Beaumont, 82nd Training Wing.

The winner in the senior officer category was Lt. Col. James Bruno, 209 Jupiter, 82nd Training Group.

The criteria used for selection is overall yard appearance and occupant care. Yard of the Month winners compete for quarterly honors. Sheppard's Yard of the Month competition runs from 1 April through 30 September of each year.

**Finance office hour change**

The finance office will be closed today due to an official

function. If you have any questions during this time, please contact our call center at 6-4864, and we will return your call within 24 hours.

**Association to hold leadership luncheon**

The National Contract Management Association, TEXOMA Chapter 128 presents "LEARN TO BE A LEADER" by Lt. Col. Thomas Robinson of the 82nd Contracting Squadron.

This session, the first of ongoing training, is scheduled for Oct. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers club.

The session is free to NCMA members and \$3.00 for Non-Members. To R.S.V.P., please

call Brenda Wehmeier 6-5186 or Cecilia Murray at 6-2926.

**Latin Dance to be held in two weeks**

The Hispanic Heritage Committee will hold a Latin Dance featuring the Tropical Sound Band from the Dallas-Fort Worth area Nov. 1 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the enlisted club.

The cost if \$5 for club members and \$10 for non-club members.

Free salsa dance lessons will be held from 9 to 9:45 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Flores at 6-8144/8150 or Mr. Marlon Pesantez at 6-6489.

## Student Activities: Happenings in the community

### Student center events

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument or equipment, free.

Every Tuesday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub, free.

Every Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. - Pool Tournament, \$2 per person.

Every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. - Karaoke Night, free.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Club BDU dance, \$4 per person.

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the ballroom, \$5 per person.



### Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m. Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

### Red River Café Hours of Operation

Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30-10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday and Holidays: Noon to 9 p.m.

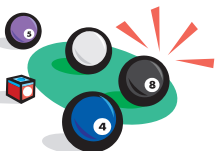
### Center gives fitness incentive

Every Saturday the fitness center offers a variety of exercise programs for students as part of the Fitness Incentive Training for Students program. Two plastic chips are given to those who participate and one chip is given to those who attend. The squadron that collects the most chips at the end of the program will win a prize. For more information, call 6-2972.

### Community center events

#### Pool tournament

Pool tournaments are held every Saturday at 5 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. There will be first- and second-place trophies. Call 6-7695 for more information.



### Community center to have chess tournament

The community center will have a chess tournament Oct. 25 beginning at noon. There will be first- and second-place trophies. Call 6-7695 for more information.

### Free video night

The community center has a free video night every night beginning at 5 p.m. on the big screen TV in the lounge on the second floor. For more information, call 6-3866.

### Other events

#### Flag football underway

Flag football season is underway, and the students have a league of their own.

Student league games are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at the soccer fields next to the track. Each game lasts about one hour.

Seven teams are in the student league.

For more information, call 6-6336.

### Dining facilities celebrate birthdays with dinner

Students who are having a birthday this month and are on subsistence in kind are invited to celebrate their birthdays on the Friday of their choice for dinner. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.

## Student Ministry Programs

### Solid Rock Café

Solid Rock Café is open every day at Bldg. 450.

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m.

to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday from 1 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday from 1 to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday Protestant Bible study is at 4 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Worship Service is at 5 p.m.

Chapel Ropes Meeting, Tuesday from 11:15 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Parents and Tots, Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Praise Band Rehearsal, Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon (Andria Hayman), Solid Rock Saturday Meal, 5 p.m.

# Flag football

## Student league standings

Team	Won	Lost	GB
361 TRS	4	0	0
366 TRS	3	1	1.0
365 TRS	2	2	2.0
360 TRS	2	2	2.0
362 TRS	2	3	2.5
882 TRS	1	3	3.0
363 TRS	1	4	3.5



Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig

## Two of a kind

Airmen 1st Class Rachel and Joshua Feagley, fraternal twins at the 366th Training Squadron, pull a pump and nozzle from a fuel truck. The siblings have spent their entire Air Force careers together. For more information about how they've managed to stay together, see Page 15.



## Safety tips for hunting season

**By Tech. Sgt. Jerry Crawford**

*82nd Training Wing Safety Office*

Hunting season is currently underway for most game animals in Texas.

For serious hunters who love and are dedicated to the sport of hunting, it is imperative to teach children well and carry hunting safety into the next generation. The rules apply whether one hunts with a gun or a bow.

Here are a few basic rules that should be implemented all the time:

- Treat a disarmed gun or bow like it is loaded.

- Never point a gun or bow at anyone when unloaded.

- Always point the weapon in a safe direction.

- Keep the safety mechanism on until ready to shoot.

- Do not become anxious and take the safety mechanism off prior to the shot.

- Always keep the target in front.

- Clearly identify the target

before shooting. Every year individuals are shot because they are mistaken for animals.

- Always unload the firearm. Never climb into a tree stand, climb over a fence, in or over a duck blind with a loaded weapon.

- Know the range of the weapon. Know how far it will shoot. Know what loads are in the chamber. Know how accurate you are with a bow and how far the bow will shoot. Know what is behind the target.

- Keep emotions in check. Use good judgment. No animal, whether it is a pintail drake, large rooster pheasant climbing out of a morning's cornfield, or a 10- to 12-point buck is worth an accident.

- Put a soft earplug in the ear closest to the weapon. Over time, repeated gun shot blasts can impair hearing.

- Always keep the gun clean. When unloading the gun, if it is a pump action weapon, attempt two to three ejections after the three shells come out to ensure

there is nothing in the chamber and leave the chamber open. Do the same for automatic weapons.

- Check the barrel to ensure it is free of any debris. If a shot is taken, and it is blocked by anything, the barrel will split. The shrapnel could cause eye injuries and severe facial lacerations. Even a little bit of snow at the end of the barrel can cause a severe injury. When a gun is dropped, dismantle it, clean it, wipe it down and put it back together.

- Check bows before use to make sure they are in good working order. All parts of the bow should be tightened and in correct position, usually accomplished with an allen wrench, prior to hunting.

With these tips in mind we can all have a more pleasant and safe hunting experience and come home with the big trophy or dinner for the evening meal. *(Information for this article was provided courtesy of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web page.)*

## Sheppard's CFC 2003

Team Sheppard's 2003 Combined Federal Campaign began Sept. 15 with the theme "What Makes America Great" and will last until Oct. 24.

The annual program gives all federal employees the opportunity to donate to local, national and international charitable organizations that can make a positive difference in the lives of thousands who find themselves in a time of need or crisis.

The program began in the 1960s to create one fundraising entity that federal employees could support. There are now over 1,400 charitable organizations rec-

ognized by CFC.

Team Sheppard's Family Support Center, Family Services, Child Development Center and Youth Centers are some of the agencies that can benefit from your generous contributions.

Last year's CFC campaign was an overwhelming success and this year's goal is \$333,000, a 2 percent increase over last year's goal.

For questions about the CFC, contact the CFC unit coordinator, Lt. Col. James Bruno at 6-1829, Maj. Karen Fraley at 6-5941, Capt. Charles Ashmore at 6-7292, or Master Sgt. Jeffrey Foreman at 6-7082.

**To place an ad in *The Sheppard Senator*, call 761-5151.**

# Sheppard Spotlight:

## 15 lines of Fame



**Tech. Sgt. Steve Brown**

**1. Name:** Steve Brown

**2. Rank:** Tech. Sgt.

**3. Organization and position:** 982nd MXS, logistics program manager

**4. Hometown:** Harmontown, MS

**5. Married or single (include your family if you'd like):** Married with 2 grown boys.

**6. Hobbies/Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Outdoor sports and computer games

**7. Funniest childhood memory:** Pranks played on my little brother.

**8. Why did you join the Air Force?** To learn a trade

**9. Why do you stay in the Air Force?** Still trying to learn a trade

**10. Date Arrived at Sheppard:** Aug 2002

**11. Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Travel and overcoming challenges outside my normal area of expertise in aircraft maintenance.

**12. Favorite book or movie:**  
**Book:** "Lonesome Dove";  
**Movie:** "The Outlaw Josey Wales"

**13. What is your dream vacation?** A waterfront hotel with a pier connected to my patio and enough whoppers to go around (both the fish and the lies told about them).

**14. If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** Bill Dance. Who wouldn't want to be given a truck and boat and be told to go fishing and earn them?

**15. Most prized possession (families aren't considered possessions):** Probably my car then. Without it, I would always be late for work.



# Parents receive recognition in commander's call

By Maj. L. Lynn Pauley

383rd Training Squadron

Sept. 24 was a memorable day for Staff Sgt. Judi Baird of the 383rd Training Squadron.

After serving seven years on active duty, this was her first opportunity to see her parents recognized during a recent commander's call.

"Our commander, Lt. Col. (Dana) Howard, said that she would be happy to award the new Air Force Parents' pin any time," Sergeant Baird said. "So when my parents said they were coming to Wichita Falls for a visit, I decided to take her up on the offer."

Sergeant Baird, an aeromedical service instructor, said her

parents, Mr. Joseph and Crestina Jaramillo of Ventura, Calif., earned the pin for supporting her decision to join the military.

"When I decided to come into the Air Force, my parents were behind me 100 percent. They watched over my son, Anthony, the whole time I was in basic training and then in technical school," she said. "They have been supportive of me my entire career."

Sergeant Baird's father is no stranger to military life and used what he was taught years ago.

"Dad served a term in the Army in the 60s, so he understands military customs and courtesies. When Colonel Howard 'pinned' him, he saluted her," Sergeant Baird said.

There were a lot of teary eyes in the audience as squadron members thought of their own parents while seeing the Jaramillos recognized.

"I want Air Force people to remember that we appreciate our families," Colonel Howard said. "We need them to accomplish our mission. Supportive families are part of what makes the Air Force as an organization strong and ready to fly and fight."



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Dana Howard, 383rd Training Squadron commander,

**Be smart. Stay safe.  
Don't drink and drive.**

# Air Force announces TSP open season

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** — Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the “open season” Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.

“TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan, that everyone should consider,” said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the contact center here. “Current account holders might be interested, too, in transferring money from one fund to another — the TSP folks are set up to handle that.

“Either way it’s a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans,” Sergeant Ortiz said. “It’s important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks. People can choose safer government securities as well.”

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied

to open seasons, said Ms. Janet Thomas of AFPC’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

“Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts,” said Ms. Thomas. “And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal service.”

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck “so you never have to think about it,” Sergeant Ortiz said. “That makes it easy to ‘pay yourself first’ while only investing what you deem appropriate.”

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index

Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

“As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better,” said Ms. Thomas.

Contribution elections or changes made between Oct. 15 and Dec. 13 will take effect Dec. 14, for both military and civilian personnel. Changes made after Dec. 14 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the pay period in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Some of the specifics of the

program include:

## **Military**

■Military members can continue to contribute up to eight percent of their base pay through November. Beginning Dec. 1, members may increase their contribution to nine percent as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment doesn’t exceed \$12,000 for 2003. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.

■Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$40,000 in annual contributions.

■Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/emss/>. They

can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers.

■Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds) can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>. For general TSP questions, call the AFPC Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or (866) 229-7074.

■Specific TSP information is available for Air Force military personnel at [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).

## **Civilian**

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# "Treegators" keep trees on base alive



Courtesy photo

The 82 Civil Engineer Squadron is replacing over 100 trees in the military housing area that were lost in last June's windstorm.

The Self-Help store will help base residents with their watering duties by providing a Treegator to those who are getting new trees.

But, what's a Treegator?

Treegators are the green water bags that have been popping up around trees all over base this past summer — kind of a camel back canteen for a tree. They hold approximately 20 gallons of water and slowly release it, resulting in more effective watering.

Residents should fill the bags once or twice a week, depending on rainfall. When Treegators are delivered to the base, the Self-Help Store will deliver them to base residents with step-by-step instructions.

Support from Sheppard residents is greatly appreciated in helping us keep the base looking great.

For questions or concerns, call or stop by your Self-Help Store. (Courtesy 82nd CES.)

## TSP

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Contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has. For the current open season, the following contribution rates apply:

■ **Federal Employees' Retirement System** employees may contribute up to 14 percent of basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to four percent as well as an automatic one percent each pay period, whether the employee contributes or not, making the government's contribution five percent.

■ **Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System** may contribute up to nine percent of basic pay, but do not receive any matching contributions or the automatic one percent.

■ **The percentage FERS and CSRS employees may contribute** will increase by one point each year through 2004, when they will be restricted only by the

Internal Revenue Code's annual limit, \$12,000 in 2003 and \$13,000 in 2004, said Ms. Thomas.

■ **Specific information is available** for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.

■ **All Air Force civilian employees** will make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at (800) 997-2378, or commercial 527-2378 in San Antonio or the Employee Benefits Information System web application at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm). Hearing impaired employees may contact

BEST by calling TDD (800) 382-0893 or commercial 565-2276. Overseas employees enter the AT&T Direct Access Number for the country they are calling from and then enter 1-800-997-2378. AT&T access instructions can be obtained from [http://www.att.com/business\\_traveler/guides\\_and\\_access/dialing\\_instr.html#outside](http://www.att.com/business_traveler/guides_and_access/dialing_instr.html#outside). Counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time.

■ **Contribution allocations** (how an employee chooses to invest their money among the five funds) are made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.



# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**Mr. Jeffrey G. Pixler**

*Family Advocacy Outreach Manager*

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October of 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The organizer's goal for the Day of Unity was to connect the battered women's advocates and the various grass root organizations from across the nation. These individuals were intent on working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week then evolved into October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The common theme for the month's activities is to mourn those who died as a result of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived domestic violence and connect those who work to end domestic violence. As many of you know, the primary mission of the Family Advocacy Program is to prevent domestic violence and intervene in cases of substantiated family violence. We collaborate with a number of organizations and individuals in the community to better ensure the safety of our military families and active duty members.

Folks frequently approach me sharing their personal experiences related to domestic violence in the course of my duties as the family advocacy outreach manager. The resilience these individuals and families demonstrate following episodes of domestic violence never ceases to amaze me.

Research indicates most folks who have been victimized do not repeat the cycle of violence they experienced in their family of origin. The message I hear from these individuals is they know the pain and trauma first hand and would never consider harming a loved one. Unfortunately, there are individuals who lack empathy and insight from their past victimization and perpetrate violence on their family members who deserve their love and devotion.

To ensure our families are

safe, each of us should be responsible and take the necessary steps to make certain our families are safe. Family violence is not the sole responsibility of Family Advocacy, Security Forces, police departments, courts, Child Protection or 1st Step. The informal networks many of us utilize are the foundation for our prevention and intervention efforts.

A clear example of this is family advocacy's primary referral resource, the friends of victims. Many of our active duty and family members believe that our first sergeants or Security Forces personnel report most of the cases to the family advocacy program.

The fact is most cases are initially referred to our program by friends and loved ones of the victims and offenders. The informal networks that many of us utilize in our daily lives are the primary safety networks for most victims of domestic violence.

Can we do more? I know each of us can do a lot more to impact the issue of family violence. Volunteer and share your time, energy and expertise with organizations that support our children and families. Develop relationships and form alliances with the individuals and fami-

lies that receive the beneficial services from these organizations. Share the military's "can do" attitude and model appropriate ways of showing your love and respect for loved ones. Learn more about family violence and child abuse. Understand the signs and symptoms of family violence from the innumerable websites, articles, books, songs, movies and other resources. Listen when a victim has the courage and trust to confide in you that he/she is a victim of domestic violence. Know your resources on base and in the community and refer victims to these services, and call Family Advocacy at 676-2271 and share your concerns. The responsibility for successful intervention with domestic violence rests with each of us.

First Step will host the Candlelight Vigil on 9 October 2003 from 1700-1900 at their Administrative and Counseling Office, 2610 Ave V, Wichita Falls. 1st Step and the Gold Coats will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony allowing citizens to tour their new facility and learn more about their programs and services for victims of domestic violence. Kathy Best and the Colonial Baptist band will entertain the guests. Please come and share in this moving event.

## From the Sheppard Top Three: Traveling with TRICARE

During the holidays many families will be taking their vacations. When you travel, TRICARE can help with your health care needs while you're on the road.

### Emergency care

An emergency is a medical or psychiatric condition that would lead an average, non-medical person to believe that lack of immediate medical attention would threaten life, limb or sight. Emergency care is also appropriate to relieve severe pain or suffering. If you are confronted with an emergency while traveling, seek immediate care at the nearest hospital emergency room. Then follow these tips:

Contact your Primary Care Manager (PCM) or doctor should follow-up care be necessary

Contact the Health Care Finder (HCF) at (800) 406-2832, within 24 hours, to initiate a record of the care you are receiving

Keep all receipts and other documents related to the care you receive - this will ensure proper and quick payment of your claim after you return home

### Urgent care

For urgent but non-emergency conditions while traveling, you will need to contact a HCF before you receive care at a military or a civilian facility. If a prior authorization for urgent care is not received from the HCF prior to receiving care from a civilian provider you will be billed under the Point-of-Service (POS) option. This means you will pay a higher cost-share and deductible. We also recommend that you notify your PCM that you have seen

another physician soon after you have received urgent care.

### Kids traveling alone

If your child will be traveling alone or visiting friends and relatives alone, prepare ahead for possible medical problems. Follow these tips.

Send their Military ID card and Prime ID card (if a member) with them.

Provide the name and phone number of their PCM or doctor and the number for the Health Care Finder (800) 406-2832 to the caregiver.

Provide a medical release that will allow the primary caregiver to authorize medical care, if needed.

### Prescription medication

Use the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) before you leave home. Through the TMOP you can receive up to a 90-day supply of most medications. For additional information, call TMOP at (866) 363-8667 or visit [www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com). Also, follow these tips.

When traveling within your region, pay only the copayment by using a network pharmacy

If you need to fill a prescription while outside of your TRICARE region, you will need to pay the entire amount and seek reimbursement from TRICARE when you return home - you can obtain a claim form by visiting [www.TRICARE.osd.mil/claims](http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/claims)

For further information, contact a Customer Service Representative at (800) 406-2832 or visit [www.hnfs.net](http://www.hnfs.net).



### Daily Programming

Sheppard Today ~ 6 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.  
 Air Force News ~ 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
 Navy/Marine News ~ 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Army News ~ 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

### *Today*

**5:30 a.m.** - The Force Behind the Force: The First 50 years of the Air Force Association

**11 a.m.** - Into the Mouth of the Cat: The Lance P. Sijan Story

**8 p.m.** - Airlift... Working for Humanity

### *Saturday*

**5:30 a.m.** - The Force Behind the Force: The First 50 years of the Air Force Association

**10:30 a.m.** - Army in Action: Episode IV Global Reach

**9:30 p.m.** - Rebroadcast: The State of the Base Address and Call-in Show

### *Sunday*

**6 p.m.** - The Uniform Code of Military Justice - Part 2

**8:30 p.m.** - Tank and Industry: The Detroit Arsenal Tank Plant 1940-1997

**10:30 p.m.** - African Americans in WWII

### *Monday*

**7 a.m.** - The Sound of Freedom - The Berlin Airlift

**3 p.m.** - The Memphis Belle

**4 p.m.** - Lunch and Learn: Lt. Gen. Hopper on the Air Force Association

### *Tuesday*

**4:30 a.m.** - Flying for Freedom - The Women Air Force Service Pilots

**10 a.m.** - SEAL Class 224 / Basic Underwater Demolition

**1 p.m.** - The US Navy Hospital Corps - A Century of Tradition, Valor, and Sacrifice

### *Wednesday*

**2 a.m.** - Listen to the Voices

**11:30 a.m.** - The True Wingman

**8:30 p.m.** - Tank and Industry: The Detroit Arsenal Tank Plant 1940-1997

### *Thursday*

**9 a.m.** - Lunch and Learn: Korean War POW Appreciation

**10:30 a.m.** - Army in Action: Episode IV Global Reach

**3 p.m.** - The Memphis Belle

Submit your TSTV ideas to [tstv@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:tstv@sheppard.af.mil).

# AFSA looks for new members

**By Senior Master Sgt. Lucy Carracedo**

*82nd Dental Squadron*

Did you know that Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, para. 4.3.7, states "Membership in the enlisted clubs, professional and unit organizations is strongly encouraged"?

Are you interested in an organization that is making a difference in the professional and quality-of-life concerns of all enlisted blue suiters, past and present? All Air Force members should belong to the Air Force Sergeants Association.

AFSA was the idea of Tech. Sgt. Lee Thompson who saw a need. He was concerned the Army and Navy had enlisted associations, but no organization existed to support the interests of Air Force enlisted airmen.

Today, AFSA has grown to become a leading force on Capital Hill. Congress routinely asks AFSA to testify when seeking the military point of view. AFSA is a non-profit, international organization representing the professional and personal interests of more than 155,000 members.

AFSA's mission is to advocate improved quality of life and economic fairness that supports the well being of AF personnel. Twenty-six percent of AFSA's membership is active duty.

The organization has affected many issues,

including the 1998 pay raise to retirement pay.

Our total force is equally important to AFSA. As a vocal, visible supporter for enlisted members of the ANG and AFRES, AFSA gained extension of the Reserve Transition Assistance Program; an optional, shared-premium dental insurance program; and benefits coverage and reimbursement for guardsmen and reservists remaining overnight for inactive duty training. AFSA is not only for active duty, Guard or Reservists. It also protects the earned rights of enlisted retirees.

AFSA is hard at work to preserve entitlements earned by all active, Guard and Reserve component retirees. AFSA fought for them against source taxation and eliminated an inequity that would have caused the timing of retiree Cost of Living Allowances to lag behind federal civilian retirees. It led the battle for implementation of a National Mail Order Pharmacy Program and continued protection of our commissary benefit.

Sheppard's Air Force Sergeants Association is Chapter 1054. It is a service-oriented organization that is directly involved in local, wing and base activities. This chapter is your local enlisted voice. Meetings are held each third Tuesday of the month in the enlisted club. Call Chapter 1054 President Master Sgt. Tyrone Davis at 6-6586 or Senior Master Sgt. Lucy Carracedo at 6-7498 for information and membership applications.





# Double or nothing

*Fraternal twins enlist together, train together, serve together*

**By Airman Jacque Lickteig**

*Base public communication*

Some people say twins do everything together.

A pair of fraternal twins at Sheppard gives that saying a whole new meaning.

Airmen 1st Class Joshua and Rachel Feagley graduated the aircraft fuel systems apprentice course together today, adding another milestone to their shared Air Force careers.

Airmen Joshua and Rachel Feagley, from Huntington County, Pa., entered the delayed entry program for the West Virginia Air National Guard in October 2002.

This was no surprise to their mother, Mrs. Jana Runk.

"My children come from a very long history of military servicemembers. Some of our family members have been prisoners of war in Vietnam and World War II," she said. "Their step dad, Ron, is a staff sergeant in the Air National Guard serving at Martinsburg, W.V."

They worked with their recruiter so they could go into



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

**Airmen 1st Class Joshua and Rachel Feagley, twins who have spent their military careers together, prepare a fuel truck together at the 366th Training Squadron.**

the same career field, take their oaths together and go through basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, together.

The siblings did everything to

not get separated until they got to basic training July 15.

Airman Rachel Feagley volunteered to play cymbals for the Drum and Bugle Corps, Flight B656 at the 323rd Training

Squadron. Airman Joshua Feagley went into Flight 645 at the 331st Training Squadron.

Even though they only saw each other twice during basic training, and they weren't allowed to send letters to each other, Airman Rachel Feagley, the eldest by seven minutes, said BMT made them significantly closer.

"Knowing my brother was going through the same things I was going through gave me strength during basic," Airman Rachel Feagley said.

Their mother even noticed a change in their relationship following basic training.

"They weren't as close as they are now when they were young. They had normal

brother/sister arguments. I'm sure basic training has made them closer. They respect what each has gone through, because they've both experienced it," said Mrs. Runk.

The twins graduated basic training Aug. 29 and made their way to Sheppard, where they spent seven weeks and two days in training.

"A lot of people ask us if we have a weird 'twin' connection, and I'd say we do have one. I can feel when Rachel is upset," Airman Joshua Feagley said.

This connection shines through in other areas, as well. They both scored 100 percent on the block test they took Oct. 10 and 88 percent on the previous block test.

"I'm so proud of my children. They've accomplished so much," Mrs. Runk said. "But I'm very anxious for them to come home."

Airmen Joshua and Rachel Feagley will be heading home Saturday. They will serve with the 167th Airlift Wing at Sheppard Field, Martinsburg, W.V., together on drill weekends.

# —Soundoff—

*Which musician would you like to see perform on base?*



*"I'd like to see Staind. Their lyrics are really deep, and they describe real-life situations,"*  
*Airman 1st Class Steven Valente, 360th Training Squadron*



*"Tim McGraw, he's my favorite singer,"* Tech Sgt. Sammie Smith, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron



*"CeCe Wynan,"* Col. Joseph Brown, 82nd Training Wing inspector general



*"Third Day, a Christian rock band,"* Mrs. Michelle Smith, military family member

# Airmen complete 25,000-foot jump

By Master Sgt. Mary McHale

92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — An icy blast fills the cabin as the C-17 Globemaster III crew opens the rear hatch in midair.

The C-17 provided the platform recently for nine survival, escape, resistance and evasion specialists and one combat controller to perform a high-altitude, low-opening parachute jump training over the flightline here.

Staff Sgt. James Hangsleben, parachute training noncommissioned officer in charge for the 336th Training Group, said survival specialists, who are parachute-qualified, usually train doing weekly military free falls from 10,000 feet. This was the first time a 25,000-foot HALO jump occurred here.

These types of jumps occur from 25,000 feet above sea level or 23,000 feet above ground level. This one included five local survival specialists from the 336th Training Group and Air Combat Command, and a combat controller from 19th Air Force, who also served as an evaluator.

Sergeant Hangsleben said the training opportunity arose when C-17 aircrews from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., offered it to fulfill some of their own aircrew training requirements.

"All our jumps afford (survival) specialists the opportunity to expose themselves to the same elements aircrews might experience at that altitude," he said.

Aircrews learn emergency egress via parachute from books, but Hangsleben said he believes actual experience is best so they know the conditions and problems an aircrew can run into upon ejection or bailout.

He said one of the most significant differences between a HALO jump at this altitude and their weekly military free falls is they have to wear an oxygen tank.

"For this kind of training, all jumpers involved must maintain an uninterrupted half hour of pre-breathing 100-percent oxygen to lower nitrogen levels in the blood and avoid decompression sickness," Sergeant Hangsleben said.

If that half hour is broken at any time or any other issues occur

affecting the oxygen supply, the jumper will remain on the aircraft. But oxygen is just one critical element of concern with this sort of jump, he said.

Weather and temperature are also critical factors. For example, the parachutists cannot jump through clouds if it is a training jump, or if the winds exceed 20 mph.

As it is, when the door opens, Sergeant Hangsleben said the temperature is close to zero degrees Fahrenheit. Then, jumpers free fall at speeds up to 120 mph and open their chutes at 4,000 feet. They wear layered clothing to ward off the initial chill.

"It's going to be cold at first, but since the jumpers fall 1,000

feet every six seconds, after a minute they're down to about 12,000 feet where it's a little warmer," he said.

On the ground, drop-zone controllers ensure the area is clear of nonessential people. This drop occurred from a two-ship formation of C-17s. They remained about two minutes apart for the safety of the jumpers.

"Once a month, we try and get a fixed-wing aircraft because of its large capacity and our proficiency training requirements," Sergeant Hangsleben said.

It is such ongoing training that makes jumping from an aircraft "a very safe practice" and ensures aircrews have the knowledge and skills to successfully bailout or eject from an aircraft, he said.



Tech. Sgt. Steven Filby has a safe landing after parachuting more than 25,000 feet from a C-17 Globemaster III based at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Filby is the personal parachute program manager for Fairchild's 336th Training Group.

Photo by Senior Airman Lapedra Tolson



## General activities

### Ceramics shop offers creative fun

The ceramics shop offers lessons and guidance for ceramic projects. All the materials needed to start creative projects are available. More than 2,500 craft projects are available for lessons with a variety of paints, glazes and supplies. The ceramics shop is located in Bldg. 832, the health and wellness center building. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 855-0118.

### Lake Texoma to have arts, crafts day

Lake Texoma will have an arts and crafts day Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call (903)523-4613.

### Child development center to offer break for parents

The child development center will have a Give Parents a Break night Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m. Children must be 6 weeks to 5 years of age, and reservations must be called in advance for this service. Those eligible include parents whose spouse is deployed, on extended TDY, parents who have been experiencing a family crisis such as a birth of a child, serious illness of a family member, death in the family, extended illness of a family member or parents whose spouse has been required to work extensive extended shifts. For more information, call 6-2634.

### Base theater to have live entertainment

Rector Roberts Productions will give a free performance of "Letters from the Front," the world's most decorated play, at the base theater Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Ms. Robbie Jordan at 6-3866.

## Club activities

### Enlisted club to have comedy night

The enlisted club will have a comedy night tonight. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 9 p.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Enlisted club to have jazz night

The enlisted club is scheduled to have a jazz night Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Call 6-2083 for more information.

### Enlisted club to have bingo night

The enlisted club will have a bingo night Wednesday. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the first game will be at 7 p.m. There will be a guaranteed \$5000 jackpot game. Paper and electronic bingo will be available with 3 progressive jackpots each session as well as early birds and night owls. Call 6-2083 for more information.

### Enlisted club to have family night

The enlisted club is scheduled to have a family night Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There will be an all-you-can-eat buffet, as well as games and prizes. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members, \$2.95 for children (5 - 12 years) and children under 5 eat free. Call 6-2083 for more information.

### Enlisted club to throw an all nighter

DJ Rico will spin at the enlisted club tonight from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Enlisted club to take advantage of extra hour

The enlisted club will throw a daylight saving time party Saturday from 5:30 p.m. until 2 a.m.

### "Travel the World on Us" promotes clubs

Both the officers and enlisted club are taking part in a promotion that gives current members a chance to win ITT travel packages, sports and entertainment tickets, airline tickets, hotel stays and rental vehicles until Oct. 31. For more information, call 6-6460 or 6-2083.

### Enlisted club gets in a Frenzy

The enlisted club is giving members chances to win a variety of prizes and trips with Football Frenzy 2003. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Officers Club has daily lunch specials

The officers club has daily lunch specials Monday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members. Membership pays!

On Mondays, they serve a country lunch. Tuesday is Italian. Wednesday is Texas style. Thursday is Mexican, and Friday is seafood. Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

## Now showing

Today 6:30 p.m.

Dickie Roberts

Today 9 p.m.

Cabin Fever

Saturday 2 p.m.

My Boss's Daughter

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Dickie Roberts

Saturday 7 p.m.

Cabin Fever

Sunday 2 p.m.

My Boss's Daughter

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Dickie Roberts

Thursday

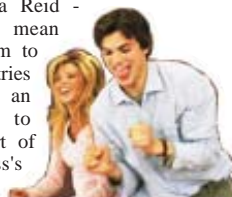
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My Boss's Daughter

**Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13)** - David Spade, Mary McCormack - Dickie, a 35-year old former child star, is now an out-of-work actor turned parking valet. Dickie is desperate to audition for a great role that could revitalize his career, but the part requires him to play a "normal" guy. Problem is, Dickie is anything but normal.



**My Boss's Daughter (PG-13)** - Ashton Kutcher, Tara Reid - When Tom's mean boss asks him to housesit, he tries to use it as an opportunity to win the heart of his boss's daughter.



Schedule subject to change without notification. For information, call 6-4427.

## Chapel Schedule

### Parish Ministries

#### Protestant Worship Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Worship Services, south chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., General Protestant Worship Service, north chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Protestant Liturgical Worship Service (Holy Communion each week), medical center

#### Protestant Men of the Chapel

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., south chapel

PMOC breakfast/fellowship is the second Saturday of the month at Golden Corral at 8 a.m.

#### Catholic Services

Sunday, 9 a.m. and noon, mass, north chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., Catholic Religious education, Bldg. 962

Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass, north chapel

Saturday, Confessions, 4 p.m., north chapel

Saturday, 5 p.m., north chapel

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370

# Balls prevent airfield bird strikes on aircraft

**By Airman Christie Putz**

*92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs*

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFP) — The base here is the first Air Force installation to use "bird balls" as part of a new program to prevent airfield bird strikes.

The new tool, part of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing bird-aircraft strike hazard program, uses small, environmentally safe, black balls to cover the surface of the water on the drainage ditches near the flightline.

The idea behind the balls is that they will block the ultraviolet rays and prevent growth of algae and weeds, making it a less desirable place for the birds to roost, said Master Sgt. Stacy Maier, of the wing's flight safety office.

The balls also prevent the birds from being able to sit on the water and pose a threat of flushing when aircraft fly overhead, he said.

"Bird-strike damage can range from something as simple as a small scratch or dent, to something as big as causing an airplane to crash, due to a complete system failure," Sergeant Maier said.

Additional positive aspects include easy installation, lack of maintenance and ability of the balls to adjust to fluctuating water levels, he said.

"They are also relatively inexpensive to purchase," he said. "The 50-yard section that was filled as a trial area used a total of 10,500 balls at a small

cost of \$2,000."

Although Fairchild is the first base to experiment with this technology, it has been used before.

"San Francisco International Airport has used them with great success," said Lt. Col. Lesley Spraker, the wing's chief of safety. "Since they placed the bird balls in their open water, they have dramatically reduced bird activity in and around the previously open water areas."

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No other Air Force bases use this technology, he said. When the idea was presented at the bird aircraft strike hazard conference, several military bases and civilian organizations asked Fairchild to report the results so they could evaluate the technology.

"We expect this to be a very low-cost solution to an ongoing problem," Colonel Spraker said. "Most other options were not practical, due to the large size of the drainage ditch."

Other solutions were considered but were either not cost-effective or would present other problems in the future, he said.

Fairchild has many other precautions to prevent bird strikes. Such precautions

include covering nearby skimming ponds with netting, using several remotely controlled propane cannons and mounting one in the rear of a truck as a scare device.

Additionally, falconer Mr. Dave Knutson, from the wing safety office, travels the airfield daily with his trained falcons to clear the runway of birds.

Mr. Knutson also uses his personal hunting dogs to flush the birds out of the grassy areas adjacent to the runway, Spraker said.

"With the combined effort at Fairchild, we have seen our damaging bird-strike costs drop dramatically. The last damaging bird strike was in December of 2002 and resulted in a cost of \$728," Colonel Spraker said. *(Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service.)*



Photo by Airman Christie Putz

**Master Sgt. Stacy Maier, from the 92nd Air Refueling Wing's flight safety office, dumps a box of "bird balls" into a drainage ditch along the flightline at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. Fairchild is the first Air Force base to use this newest form of protection against bird strikes.**

# The birdmen of Baghdad: Airmen adopt, nurture injured pigeon

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

*Air Force Print News*

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq — Some airmen who routinely go into harm's way to assist others, have taken another injured creature of the air under their wings.

The New York Air National Guard's 101st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron has adopted a pigeon that was injured during the Operation Iraqi Freedom conflict.

According to Staff Sgt. Steve Sirois, an HH-60 Pave Hawk flight engineer, the 101st ERQS airmen took over the care and feeding of the bird when they replaced the 301st ERQS.

"The guys from the 301st nursed it back to health, and it's been a pet ever since," he said.

The pigeon, named Bird, has a homemade house attached to the side of the hardened aircraft shelter the airmen also call home.

While most of the 101st ERQS airmen actively see to Bird's needs, Sergeant Sirois takes it personally.

"I'm a bird lover," he said. "When I was growing up, I hand-raised two cockatiels. This guy here, I'm trying to get (him) to warm up to me so I hand-feed (him) as much as I can."

Bird can fly, but has never left his American rescuers.

"Hopefully the next unit that comes in here will be bird-friendly as well and will give him a good home," Sergeant Sirois said.



Staff Sgt. Steve Sirois, left, an HH-60 Pave Hawk flight engineer, feeds Bird, a pigeon his unit has been caring for since they deployed here. Bird was rescued and nursed back to health by airmen of the 301st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron. Bird, right, has a homemade house attached to the side of the hardened aircraft shelter 101st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron airmen also call home.



Photos by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

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## Sports Shorts

### North lanes to rock, bowl Friday, Saturday nights

A glow-in-the-dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5-11 p.m. at the north lanes. For more information, call 6-4806.

### Combo bowling held every Thursday

Combo bowling will be held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the south lanes. For more information, call Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619.



### Flag football underway

Flag football season is underway to provide some of that fall football spirit for the base.

Permanent party games are held Monday and Wednesday at the soccer fields next to the track.

Student league games are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same field. Games begin at 6 p.m. each day followed

by games at 7 and 8 p.m. Each game lasts about one hour. Eleven teams are in the permanent party league, while seven teams make up the student league. For more information, call 6-6336.

### AFA to have skeet/trap shoot

The local Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr. Chapter of the Air Force Association will hold a Skeet/Trap Shoot Tuesday at the Sheppard Shootin' Shack, Bldg 2382.

All AFA members and anyone interested in joining or learning more about AFA are invited to participate.

Cost for the event will be \$12, and includes meal, one round of skeet and one round of trap.

Participants may bring their own shotgun and shells, or purchase shells at the Shootin' Shack for \$5/box (two boxes will be needed), and gun rental is available for \$2.

Cookout begins at 5:30 p.m., and shooting registration starts at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for top trap, top skeet, and overall top score.

For tickets contact Lt. Col Monty Deihl at 6-2414, Maj. John Gorla at 6-5147, Maj. Cliff Altizer at 6-3490, Capt. Ruben Matos at 6-5890, Capt. Rene Alaniz at 6-6943 or Capt. Tom Dent at 6-2280.

## Center offers classes

The aerobics center, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Call 6-2972 for more information.

### Abdominal class

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.  
Monday-Friday at 8 p.m.

### Aerobics

Monday at 7:15 a.m.

### Step aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m.

### Body pump

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

### Yoga and pilates

Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday at 5 p.m.  
Thursday at 6 p.m.  
Saturday at 3 p.m.

### Basic step

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.  
Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Kickboxing

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.  
Sunday at 3 p.m.

### Intermediate step

Saturday at 10:15 a.m.,  
Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### Advanced step

Monday, Tuesday 5 p.m.

### Combo step

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

### Step/Floor

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m.

### Spinning

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.  
Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m.  
Monday at 7 p.m.



# Army falls to Louisville, head coach fired after 0-6 start

Army was set up for another upset Saturday against Louisville, but let the game slip away in the second half as the Black Knights fell 34-10.

That loss and Army's 0-6 overall record, 0-4 in Conference USA, might have played a role in Monday's firing of head coach Todd Berry.

Louisville led Army only 17-10 at halftime, but pulled away with a 17-point third quarter.

Army, shut out in its previous two games, broke its scoring drought when Anthony Zurisko kicked a 22-yard field goal with 3:10 left in the first quarter to tie

the Cardinals.

Army tied the game at 10-10 when Brian Hill returned his first career interception 33 yards for a touchdown.

After Louisville went up 17-10 on the next possession, the Black Knights had an opportunity to even the score before the half.

Army drove to the Louisville 1, but backup quarterback Matt Silva threw incomplete on fourth down 1:43 before halftime.

Army rushed for 97 yards on 26 attempts, and 51 of those yards came on two plays. Army

quarterbacks Zac Dahman and Silva combined for 242 passing yards but threw three interceptions.

Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, didn't give specific conditions on Berry's release. But, he did say the decision was based on the team's lack of progress.

"The Corps of Cadets and the fans of Army football deserve a competitive program that is representative of this great institution," said Lennox.

(Courtesy Army News Service.)

# Fourth quarter explosion enough to lead Navy over Commodores

Craig Candeto threw for two scores and ran for two more to lead the Navy Midshipmen to a 34-20 victory over the Vanderbilt Commodores in non-conference action.

Candeto racked up 160 yards through the air and 69 yards on the ground in the victory for Navy (4-2). Kyle Eckel led the team with 115 rushing yards on 20 attempts.

Trailing 20-17 heading into

the fourth quarter, Navy scored 17 unanswered points en route to victory. Candeto charged into the end zone from three yards out with 13:43 left in the final frame, and Eric Rolfs nailed a 36-yard field goal with 4:52 remaining. Two minutes later, Jason Tomlinson added a 16-yard touchdown reception from Candeto.

Vandy managed to cut its deficit on a 10-yard touchdown

pass from Cutler to Erik Davis, but Rolfs nailed a 33-yard field goal with 24 seconds remaining to close the scoring and seal the victory.(Courtesy Navy News Service.)

## Flag Football

### Permanent Party league standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>GB</u>
82nd MSS	7	0	1.000	--
382nd TRS	5	0	1.000	1.0
362nd TRS	5	2	.714	2.0
365th TRS	3	2	.600	3.0
82nd SFS	4	3	.571	3.0
82nd CS	3	3	.500	3.5
82nd CES	3	4	.429	4.0
80th FTW	3	4	.429	4.0
82nd CPTS	2	4	.333	4.5
363rd TRS	1	5	.167	5.5
360th TRS	1	6	.143	6.0
187th F Co.	0	2	.000	4.5
82nd TWR/JA	0	2	.000	4.5

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# Falcons bounce back, dominate UNLV

**By Mr. John Van Winkle**  
*U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs*

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Turnovers yielded 10 points as the Air Force Falcons returned to their winning ways with a 24-7 victory over University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on Oct. 11.

The win improves the Falcons' record to 6-1 and makes the team eligible for a post-season bowl game.

"A lot of people really doubted whether this football team could recover from losing the Navy game, and certainly a lot of people have second-guessed our football team in the month of October," said Falcons head coach Fisher DeBerry. "I think we sent a great message today that we could be a very competitive team."

Falcons Chance Harridge, Darnell Stephens and Dan Shaffer led the offense down the field for their first score, when Harridge ran it in from 9 yards out. An interception by Air Force back Adrian Wright led to a field goal by Joey Ashcroft, giving the Falcons a 10-0 lead going into the half.

Falcons special teams then demonstrated their punting prowess with a 65-yarder by Andrew Martin. The punt angled into the right coffin corner, which forced UNLV kick returner Trema Kirkland to backpedal to his 6-yard line. But he fumbled and Falcon Jordan Wilkie recovered the loose ball in the end zone for his first career touchdown.

"That was a great hustle play on the part of Jordan Wilkie, to go down there and recover that ball in the end zone," said DeBerry. "That gave us a lot of momentum and a lot of confidence."

UNLV's lone score pulled a page from Air Force's playbook. In the third quarter, the Rebels ran 15 times in a 16-play, 80-yard drive, before Larry Croom plunged in from 1 yard out to keep the Rebels from being shut out, 17-7.

The Falcons responded with a 64-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard dive by Harridge, to put the game away at 24-7. UNLV fell to 4-2 with the loss, while the Falcons remained in first

place in the Mountain West Conference with their 6-1 record.

"I think we've separated ourselves in the conference," DeBerry said. "We certainly know the challenge that we've got in front of us (Oct. 16)."

The Falcons face 4-3 Colorado State University next. CSU also comes off a win, having thrashed Brigham Young University 58-13 Oct. 9, giving the team a full week to prepare to face the Falcons.

"We don't have any time to really sit back and enjoy this win, because we've got the biggest game of our schedule coming up (Oct. 16)," said Falcons inside linebacker Trevor Hightower. "CSU's a big game. We know how big it is. They know how big it is. And that's one of the beautiful games about college football — sometimes you play on Thursday night in front of millions of people, and that's what's going to happen this week."

## Box Score UNLV vs Air Force

Score by Quarters.....	1	2	3	4	Score
UNLV.....	0	0	7	0	- 7
Air Force.....	7	3	7	7	- 24

### Scoring Summary:

#### First

AF - HARRIDGE, 9 run (Ashcroft kick), 5:08.

#### Second

AF - Ashcroft, 29 FG, 2:49.

#### Third

AF - Wilkie, 0 yd fumble recovery (Ashcroft kick), 0:00.  
 LV - Croom, 1 run (Pieffer kick), 7:09.

#### Fourth

AF - HARRIDGE, 1 run (Ashcroft kick), 4:57.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Mike Meares

**U.S. Air Force Academy's Kris Holstege nearly gets his hands on a punt from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, punter during the Falcons win Oct. 11, 24-7.**